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For: CHEMOSENSITIVITY MEASUREMENT USING CASPASE ACTIVITY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Claim 3, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 2",~~  
~~insert --claim 1--;~~

~~Claim 4, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 3",~~  
~~insert --claim 1--;~~

~~Claim 5, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 4",~~  
~~insert --claim 1--;~~

~~Claim 6, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 5",~~  
~~insert --claim 1--;~~

~~Claim 7, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 6",~~  
~~insert --claim 1--;~~

~~Claim 8, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 7",~~  
~~insert --claim 1--;~~

~~Claim 11, line 1, delete "any of claims 9 and/or 10",~~  
~~insert --claim 9--.~~

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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